

\*\*\*\*\*September 2, 2008\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, September 2, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Paul Hendricks  
Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Susan Robertson  
Councilmember Bill Lusk

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Recorder Mark Johnson  
Town Attorney Phil Noblett

Two new employees, Sam Guin and Jane Phipps, were introduced to the Council.

The following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 22, 2008 AS 'COACH AL BALL DAY' IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE AS AN EDUCATOR, COACH, AND COUNSELOR TO NUMEROUS STUDENTS, ATHLETES, AND ADULTS". Councilmember Allen moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> Stormwater Board meeting were discussed. Councilmember Allen moved, and Vice-Mayor Dick seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hendricks reiterated that the public hearing on the proposed annexation of the Fox Run and Windtree subdivisions would be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting agenda was reviewed, and the following items were attended to:

- Mayor Hendricks agreed to give the invocation.
- It was agreed that honorary resolutions would be presented before the citizens' opportunity to address the Council.
- The first reading of the ordinance for annexation will be at the October regular meeting. The second reading is scheduled for the November regular meeting if the first reading passes. Time and place for the meetings was also discussed as was the timetable and procedure for annexation should it occur. Mr. Noblett suggested a written agenda should be prepared for the public hearing.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the CARTA Care-A-Van service, noting that a resident communicated to her that there might be an ADA compliance issue with the current service structure. It was agreed there was probably no issue and a consistent

policy for all users would be appropriate. It was also agreed to continue to monitor utilization and that the town will continue to subsidize two round trips per month per resident for medical appointments.

Mr. Noblett left to attend another appointment.

Mayor Hendricks mentioned that after the last Planning Commission meeting he was approached by Gary Starnes, who suggested meeting separately with the Mayor. Mayor Hendricks noted that we would consider such a meeting, but that he made it clear that he alone could not conduct any business on behalf of the Town other than providing information and he felt that, if any meeting is to be held, it could only have one Council member present or it would be considered a public meeting. He stated he would not meet with anyone without Mr. Noblett and Ms. Rogers present.

Mayor Hendricks opened a discussion on the 2005 annexation study, noting the study indicated the Town *does* need an additional fire station, contrary to what he had believed. Ms. Rogers said a fire consultant, Gary West, would be performing a new study that should be completed prior to year-end. Also discussed were options for water service involving WRUD and the role of the mutual aide agreement for fire service. It was agreed a statement regarding the new study would be made at the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and that the primary issue was more "if" than "when".

Ms. Rogers mentioned that officials of East Ridge are to meet with her concerning the proposed contract regarding animal control.

Ms. Rogers noted she had spoken with Police Chief Boyd Veal concerning ticketing dog owners for dogs that are not on leashes. He indicated they were ticketing. She said the vicious dog ordinance is being reviewed and revised.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the Town's vacation donation policy; that is, the ability of staff to transfer vacation time to other staff in the event of serious illness or family hardship. Various options were discussed, one of which was a twelve-week per incident total rather than a life-time total. Ms. Rogers and Councilmember Robertson agreed to send this suggestion to the Personnel Committee Chairman for final review.

The use of recycle receptacles at Town facilities was discussed. The Council agreed to place a few receptacles at the baseball fields to gauge citizen interest.

Issues concerning reusable transfer station items were discussed. Town policy regarding how these items are stored and options for making use of them was questioned. The Town Manager was asked to investigate placing a GOODWILL box at the transfer station. Vice-Mayor Dick also asked how metal products are now being hauled. Ms. Rogers agreed to find out.

Ms. Rogers noted a citizen contacted her with a complaint about the compost pile located across from his property. He had previously recommended a fence be erected to block

the view of the compost. Options for the appearance and possible relocation of the compost were discussed.

Ms. Rogers presented the results of her current inquiry of citizens re: the practice of closing Shoal Creek Road on Sunday afternoons. The Council agreed to invite a representative from each side to the next agenda meeting.

Mayor Hendricks said he is working on the Town Board ordinance.

The Council then discussed a request by the SMMHS Sports Boosters for a donation of \$20,000 for an electrical transformer to operate the lights at the new football stadium. Funding availability was considered, and the Council agreed to deny the request. Ms. Rogers mentioned SMMHS wants to have its first football game on September 4<sup>th</sup>, but unless certain requirements are met by this date, they will not be able to obtain a temporary certificate of occupancy to use the new field.

The issue of CARTA service was discussed again. Various options, such as the use of general public transportation, taxi service, SETHRA, etc. were considered. The new Transportation Committee might study alternatives.

Ms. Rogers mentioned Noah Long had asked about the Arbor Day brochure/information he had loaned the Council. He would like to have it returned so he can share the information with potential Tree Board applicants.

At this time, Ms. Rogers left the room for the council to discuss her 6 month evaluation. The Council gave her a very positive review. Mayor Hendricks moved, and Councilmember Lusk seconded that her scheduled merit increase be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rogers re-entered the meeting, and she and Mr. Johnson updated the Council on when to expect fiscal year-end, July 2008 and August 2008 financial reports.

Ms. Rogers noted the Town did not receive the grant for swimming pool repairs that it had applied for.

Mayor Hendricks agreed to contact the Lions' Club about the possibility of adding "Welcome" in German to the Town "Welcome" sign--which the Lions had donated to the Town--to honor the coming of the new Volkswagen plant to Chattanooga.



Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of a request by William Sanders to move from the pump station house. Willis Sanders has agreed to move in. Fair compensation for Willis Sanders' new 24 hour pump duties was discussed, as well as future alternatives for purchasing water on top of the mountain. The Council agreed to have MTAS conduct a study of the water department.

The Council then discussed a request by a local church to receive additional garbage cans. Ms. Rogers noted the typical limit for non-residential property is two per entity. The Council agreed that a fee structure for additional cans for commercial users should be considered.

Ms. Rogers said Ron West of the Walden's Ridge Utility District informed her recently that a 16 inch service line will be put in place in a portion of the Town's urban growth boundary, past areas currently proposed for annexation. He proposed putting in fire hydrants as the work is performed at the cost for materials, as opposed to waiting until future annexation when it might be more difficult to put hydrants in place. Vice-mayor Dick suggested that placing taps in the lines would be less expensive and just as effective for placing new hydrants in the future should the Town ever annex. Ms. Rogers agreed to investigate the issue further.

Councilmember Lusk reviewed his PowerPoint presentation on the proposed annexation. Language and format were edited. Annexation costs were also reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Recorder  
Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. R2008-68

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 22, 2008 AS "COACH AL BALL DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE AS AN EDUCATOR, COACH, AND COUNSELOR TO NUMEROUS STUDENTS, ATHLETES, AND ADULTS.

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WHEREAS, Alfred (Al) Ball was born in 1933 in Jefferson City, TN and raised in Knoxville, TN, before he served two years in the U.S. Army and later graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1959; and

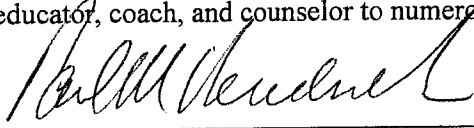
WHEREAS, Coach Al Ball impacted the lives of many children in Signal Mountain as a teacher and coach at Signal Mountain Junior High from 1961-1981 and at Red Bank High School from 1981-1989; and

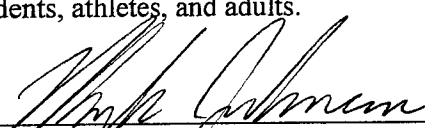
WHEREAS, Coach Al Ball also served as the Director of Recreation for the Town of Signal Mountain from 1964-1979; and

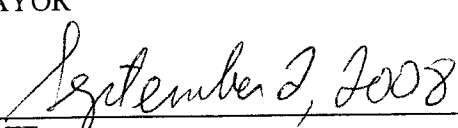
WHEREAS, Coach Al Ball was revered by many in the community and honored as Man of the Month by the Signal Mountain News in March, 1964; and

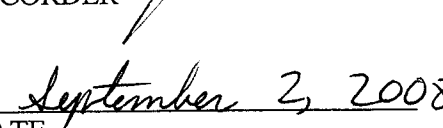
WHEREAS, forty-nine (49) years ago today he married Tweetie Holder and now has two grown children – Brad and Nikki.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that August 22, 2008 is hereby proclaimed "Coach Al Ball Day" in recognition of his service within the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee as an educator, coach, and counselor to numerous students, athletes, and adults.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDER

  
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RESOLUTION NO. R2008-69

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB ON ITS FIFTIETH (50<sup>TH</sup>) ANNIVERSARY FOR THE OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF ALL ITS MEMBERS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1958 some 15 Signal Mountain men gathered at the Alexian Brothers home to begin founding the Signal Mountain Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Signal Mountain Lions Club have consistently supported the community through events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and the Labor Day Barbeque; and

WHEREAS, the motto of the Lions is "We Serve" and the Signal Mountain Lions Club continues to live up to this motto by supporting many community programs such as the Signal Mountain Library and the Mountain Arts Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Signal Mountain Lions Club donated the WELCOME TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN sign on Taft Highway at Shoal Creek Road and James Street which greets all visitors to the Town of Signal Mountain and graces the cover of the Signal Mountain Directory; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Signal Mountain Lions Club has played an active part in various programs supporting sight conservation and work with the blind and visually handicapped; and

WHEREAS, current membership of the Signal Mountain Lions Club includes over seventy members and offers service minded people an opportunity to make a positive difference in our mountain community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that the Signal Mountain Lions Club is hereby honored on its fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) anniversary for the outstanding and dedicated service of all its members to the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain.

Karl M. Kuebel  
MAYOR

Mark Johnson  
RECORDER

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RESOLUTION NO. R2008-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO  
ADOPT CERTAIN EMPLOYEE LEAVE, HOLIDAY, AND  
VACATION DONATION PERSONNEL RULES FOR ALL TOWN  
EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

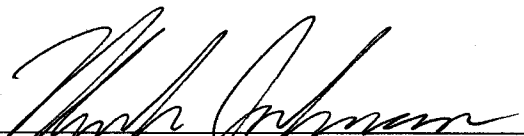
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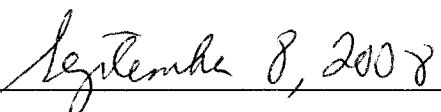
WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee is authorized to  
adopt personnel rules for employees within the Town pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 of the Town  
Charter; and

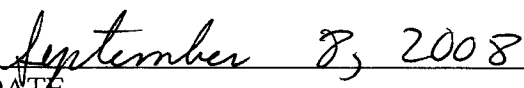
WHEREAS, the Town Manager has recommended the adoption of certain personnel rules for  
Town employees concerning employee leave, holiday, and vacation donation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that  
the Town Manager is authorized to adopt certain employee leave, holiday, and vacation donation  
personnel rules for all Town employees of the Town of Signal Mountain, a copy of which is attached  
hereto.

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDER

  
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